



February 2018

# Borderland State Park

259 Massapoag Ave, North Easton, MA (508) 238-6566

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center"><b>Winter Selfie Scavenger Hunt:</b>            Entire month of February. Pick up a selfie brochure inside the visitor center. Find the pictures inside the brochure at Borderland State Park. Once you find the object, take a selfie. Share your adventure on Social Media with <b>#BorderlandAdventure</b></p>				1	2 <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b> 1:00pm-3:00pm	3 <b>Winter Tracking Walk</b> 10:00am-11:00am  <b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b> 1:00pm-1:30pm 2:00pm-2:30pm
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# Program Descriptions

## Things to Know Before You Go:

- All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Dress for the weather; bring sunscreen, bug spray, water and a snack.
- Programs subject to change and rain cancels most outdoor programs; call ahead to confirm (508) 238-6566.
- Reasonable accommodations are available upon advance request.
- Park Website: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/borderland-state-park.html>.
- Park Trail Map: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/trails/borderland.pdf>.
- Daily parking fee is \$5 MA Vehicle, \$10 non-MA Vehicle. Information about our annual ParksPass can be found here <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/passes-and-fees/buy-parks-pass-dcr-generic.html>. Seniors (62+, MA resident) can get a lifetime Parks Pass for \$10 at the Visitor Center.

## Interior Mansion Tours

<b>Mansion Tour: Building a Home</b>	Come get a look at the fully furnished interior of the Ames Mansion, including the ornate two-story library. On this 30-minute guided tour of the home, you will learn about the history of the Ames Mansion and the Ames Family. First floor only. For adults and older children. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain or shine.
<b>Mansion Tour: The Ameses and Women's Rights</b>	Did you know that 100 years ago, when the Ames Mansion was built, women did not have the right to vote? Oakes and Blanche Ames's involvement in the struggle for women's rights helped pass the 19 <sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution on August 18, 1920. During this 30-minute guided tour of the first floor of the Ames Mansion, you will learn about their women's suffrage efforts and view some of Blanche's suffrage artwork and political cartoons. First floor only. For adults and older children. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain or shine.
<b>Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals</b>	Did you know that Blanche and Oakes Ames are related to many politicians and military war heroes? To understand a family, one must look back at previous generations. The Ames Family and their relatives played an intrinsic role in shaping the state of Massachusetts and the Nation. Join the Park Interpreter for a 30-minute guided tour learning about the Ames family involvement in war and in politics. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Mansion. Rain or shine.
<b>Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist</b>	Let's go beyond the framed paintings and discover the lasting impressions of artist Blanche Ames. Join the Park Interpreter for a 30-minute tour to gain an understanding of Blanche's contributions to the art world and science community alike. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Mansion. Rain or shine.
<b>Mansion Tour: Partners in Love &amp; Work</b>	Oakes and Blanche Ames were partners in every aspect of their lives. They worked together raising a family, building a home, in Blanches' work in the suffrage movement and in Oakes botany work. No matter the task at hand, Blanche and Oakes passions were blurred together creating this true partnership. Learn about how they complimented each other in love and in their work on this 30-minute first floor tour. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Mansion. Rain or shine.
<b>Kids Mansion Tour</b>	Great for families with younger kids to explore the first floor of the mansion. What would it be like to be a kid living in this mansion? Join the Park interpreter for this 20-minute tour, which will conclude with an old fashion activity behind the mansion (weather permitting). Meet in front of the mansion. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine.

<b>Programs</b>	
<b>Off the Beaten Path Hike</b>	Let's hike some of the lesser known trails during the winter season at Borderland State Park. Each week we will change up the hike, exploring different trails and areas of the park on these easy to moderate 2-5 mile hikes. Dress for the weather, bring water, and wear winter boots. Hike is easy to moderate in difficulty. For adults and older children. Meet at the Visitor Center. Rain, icy trail conditions, and snow may cancel, please call ahead to confirm.
<b>Story Hour by the Fire with the Sharon Library at the Visitor Center</b>	Join Ms. Jessica, childrens librarian from the Sharon Public Library and the Staff at Borderland for a story by the warm fire. After the story, there will be coloring and crafts for the children. Great for children of all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. The story hour will be held at the visitor center at Borderland State Park. Park in the main parking lot, located at 259 Massapoag Avenue in North Easton, MA. Program is free, for more information call Borderland State Park at (508) 238-6566.
<b>Birds of Prey</b>	Join Marla Isaac and the Friends of Borderland inside the visitor center to see live hawks, owls and even a vulture on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 10:00am. Marla explains the adaptations that make raptors special, how they hunt and their places in the ecosystem. Take photos up close of these dramatic and awe-inspiring birds! This event is sponsored by the Friends of Borderland. Great for kids of all ages, all children must be accompanied by an adult. In case of inclement weather, please call Borderland at 508-238-6566.
<b>Owl Discovery and Pellet Dissection</b>	Do you know what an owl eats? Drop in the visitor center between 10:00am and 11:00am on Saturday, February 24, 2018. The park staff will have owl pellets, magnifying glasses, bone charts and will teach you how to dissect the owl pellet and together we will discover what an owl eats. This is a drop in program; you do not have to stay the entire duration. While supplies last. Great for children ages 6 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain, snow or shine. For more information, please call Borderland at 508-238-6566.
<b>Self-Guided: Make your own Bird Feeder</b>	Stop by the visitor center, where the staff will have directions and supplies to make your own bird feeder. Take the bird feeder home with you and enjoy watching the winter birds visit your feeder. Supplies are limited, while supplies last. One per person. Rain, snow or shine. Self-guided craft will be hosted inside the visitor center. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

<b>Special Events</b>	
<b>Winter Selfie Scavenger Hunt</b>	During the Month of February, stop on by the visitor center to grab a "Winter Selfie Scavenger Hunt" brochure. This scavenger hunt is simple. Look at the photographs in the brochure, along with the written clues and go on an adventure to find the location of each photograph at Borderland State Park. Snap a selfie in front of each one you find and if you want, share your adventure with the world by uploading your photographs to social media with the hashtag: #BorderlandAdventure Brochures will be available inside the visitor center for the month of February. Enjoy your Borderland Adventure!
<b>Winter Tracking Walk</b>	On Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 10:00am, join Kyla Bennett and the park staff for a winter tracking walk. On the hike we will look for signs of wildlife (e.g. animal tracks). Dress for the weather. Meet at visitor center. Children must be accompanied by an adult. After the hike, join us at the visitor center for some hot chocolate. Inclement weather and icy trails will cancel. To check status of this winter hike, please call Borderland at 508-238-6566.
<b>A Presidential</b>	Celebrate Presidents Day at Borderland on this adapted tour. Learn about all the Presidents whose stories intertwined with the

**Mansion Tour**

Ames Family. Did you know that Blanche and Oakes Ames are related to many politicians and military war heroes? Having a family with a lot of political connection, naturally they crossed paths with Presidents. To understand a family, one must look back at previous generations. The Ames Family and their relatives played an intrinsic role in shaping the state of Massachusetts and the Nation. Join the Park Interpreter for a 45-minute guided tour learning about the Ames family involvement in war and in politics. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain, snow or shine.